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BIENNIAL REPORT  
OF THE  
**State Industrial Farm Colony  
for Women**

KINSTON, N. C.



FOR THE TWO YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1942

PERSONNEL

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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

*To His Excellency, J. Melville Broughton, Governor,  
and the General Assembly of North Carolina.*

Gentlemen:

We have the honor of submitting, herewith, the report of the State Industrial Farm Colony for Women, for the biennial period dating from July 1, 1940, through June 30, 1942.

As is pointed out in the report of the superintendent, the number of women needing the training given by the State Farm Colony for Women has appallingly increased, now that our country is at war. Therefore, the need for greater facilities is even more urgent now than when we stressed this need in our report of two years ago. Nevertheless, we fully understand that the much needed buildings, facilities and personnel cannot be requested of the State Legislature at the present time, since permanent improvements are prohibited to the state under existing federal regulations, because of the war emergency.

We do, however, wish to draw your attention to the exceptionally fine work that has been done by the Colony with women during this past biennium, especially with those who have come to us from the camp areas. The practical human value of this work to the state, and especially to the defense areas is evident to all who are interested in human welfare and the worth of the individual.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. J. R. ROUNTREE, *Chairman,*  
MRS. G. V. COWPER, *Secretary-Treas.,*  
*of the Board of Directors.*

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

*To the Honorable Board of Directors of the  
State Industrial Farm Colony for Women.*

During the past year an increasingly large number of women has been sent to us from the areas around the camps of the armed forces. During July-August, 1941, 30 per cent of women admitted to the Colony came from the camp areas; from September through December, 1941, 40 per cent of admissions came from camp areas. For the entire past year (September 1941 to September 1942) 60 per cent of admissions came from camp areas, while for the present quarter to date, July to September 1942, the admission of women from camp areas has risen to 70 per cent of all admissions.

*So far no woman who has come to us from the camp areas has failed.* This is a remarkable record, and is even better than we have been able to achieve with other groups, our previous percentage of women who succeeded after leaving the Colony being around 80 per cent. This percentage was high, but has shrunk into insignificance beside the splendid success we have had with women from the camp areas. In all cases, we have also worked through each woman to other needy members of her family group and have in this way assisted in the better community adjustment of other members of her family also. Many of our parolees are now not merely content to be self-supporting, but in many ways are making worthwhile contributions to their communities.

As has been pointed out in previous reports, *no waiting list can be kept at the Colony because some immediate disposition must be made of every case sentenced by the court.* Therefore, hundreds of women who should be in the Colony and cannot be admitted for lack of room, either serve jail sentences, or are immediately turned loose to prey further on their own communities, or else warned out of the county to become a menace elsewhere. A conservative estimate of such cases who could profit by Colony training was, before the war, between 700 and 800 women annually. This figure has been carefully estimated from a detailed study of jail figures in North Carolina over a period of years. Now in war time this number has been appallingly increased, hence the very urgent need for greater facilities at the Colony. However, we cannot request the much-needed additional buildings, personnel, and facilities since permanent im-

provements are prohibited to the state under existing federal regulations because of the war emergency.

The health of all our women must be approved by the physician before they are placed on parole. Our health work is such a vital part of our work and has been so seriously hampered for lack of funds during the past biennium, that we are asking not only for the restoration of our medical budget from \$1,750 (which is totally inadequate) to its original \$2,000, but we are asking also for a small additional amount on account of increased cost of drugs and medical supplies, and to bring the whole of our nurse's salary under this subhead—bringing the total to \$2,410 for our medical-dental-surgical budget.

In closing, we wish to stress the direct value, limited only by our facilities, of our work to the communities of the state, and especially to the defense areas, and to point out the greatly increased need, as a direct result of war activities, of the work done by Colony.

Respectfully submitted,

ELSA ERNST, *Superintendent.*

**REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

A healthy body is the prime factor in a healthy mind. The health of the institution during the biennium has been unusually good. There have been no epidemics, contagious or infectious diseases. The water supply has been checked at monthly intervals and found good. The kitchens and buildings have been found sanitary at all times. There is an increased urgency of the need for more buildings, personnel and facilities, due to our location so close to the camps of the armed forces. More space and personnel are badly needed to enable the Colony to assume its share of responsibility towards bettering conditions around the camps.

THOMAS LESLIE LEE, M.D., F.A.G.S.



## MEDICAL STATISTICS

For the Two Years Ended June 30, 1941 and 1942

	YEARS ENDED	
	June 30, 1941	June 30, 1942
Admissions per year.....	51	59
Complete physical examinations of new admissions and returned parolees.....	46	60
Wassermann examinations of new and returned cases.....	46	60
Additional Wassermanns (rechecks).....	129	119
Total Wassermann examinations.....	175	179
Positive syphilitic cases of admissions.....	6	14
Positive syphilitic cases carried over from June 30, 1940 to July.....	8	8
Syphilitic treatments:		
Intravenous.....	192	306
Intramuscular.....	187	266
Total number of syphilitic treatments.....	379	572
Number of syphilitic cases negative on discharge.....	6	11
Number of syphilitic cases negative after treatment to June 30, 1941, but still in institution.....		11
Number of syphilitic cases still under treatment in institution June 30, 1942.....	9	9
Gonorrheal examinations of admissions.....	46	59
Vaginal smears.....	46	59
Urethral smears.....	46	59
Additional gonorrheal examinations (rechecks).....	102	136
Total number of gonorrheal examinations.....	148	205
Positive gonorrheal cases (admissions).....	5	17
G. C. treatments.....	4	37
Clinical patients.....	648	777
Average number seen each visit.....	12	15
Number given sulfanilimide tablets.....	4	205
Total number negative after treatment.....	3	All
Total number of gonorrheal cases positive on discharge.....		
Minor treatments.....	2,380	
Regular visits made by doctor.....	53	52
Stool examinations.....	43	57
Positive hookworm cases.....	7	17
Hookworm treatments.....	7	17
Major operations.....	3	1
Minor operations.....		
Hospitalization (non-surgical cases).....	5	
Average weight on admission.....	123	120
Average weight on dismissal.....	140	135
Average weight of hookworm patients on admission.....	122	110
Average weight of hookworm patients on dismissal after treatment.....	124½	120
Typhoid vaccine.....	132	59
Smallpox vaccine.....	36	59
Number of smallpox takes.....	3	16
Infectious diseases.....	1	
Deceased.....		

## DENTAL STATISTICS AND REPORT

For the Two Years Ended June 30, 1941 and 1942

	YEARS ENDED	
	June 30, 1941	June 30, 1942
Number of admissions for year.....	54	58
Number of dental examinations of new admissions and returned parolees.....	46	58
Number showing positive Vincent's infection.....	34	43
Number negative for Vincent's infection after treatment.....	16	68
Number of Vincent's tests (rechecks).....	111	192
Total number of tests made for Vincent's infections.....	165	256
Total number of positive carried over from June 30, 1940.....	13	10
Number of Vincent's treatments given.....	699	866
Number positive both syphilis and Vincent's infection.....	8	14
Number of pyorrhea cases.....	7	14
Number of cavities of decay.....	110	55
Number of extractions.....	37	24
Number of patients showing no cavities.....	4	14
Number of partially erupted third molars.....	13	25
Number of dental plates made.....		
Total number of clinical patients.....	768	1,085
Total number of visits by dentist.....	49	50
Average number of patients seen each visit.....	16	22

The percentage of new cases positive for Vincent's infection for the biennium just closed shows a decrease from the previous biennium. From July 1940 through June 1942, 69 per cent of new cases were positive for Vincent's infection, while during 1938 to 1940, 77 per cent showed infection. All cases are treated until negative.

The careful supervision given in the institution at all times results in very effective dental care. We are still badly in need of a dental engine which would enable us to take care of many cavities which we are now unable to care for.

GEO. W. PRICE, D.D.S.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

Date of opening ..... April 3, 1929

Plant at June 30, 1940:

Land, 488 acres (106 farmed) .....	\$ 4,880.00
Buildings .....	129,816.57
Equipment .....	23,187.69
Total value .....	<u>\$157,884.26</u>

Officers and employees in service at end of year:

	1940-41	1941-42
Superintendent .....	1	1
Budget officer and secretary .....	1	1
Nurse .....	1	1
Dietitian .....	1	1
Housemothers .....	2	2
Classroom teacher .....	-	1
Farm teacher .....	1	1
Laundry teacher .....	1	1
Farm manager .....	1	1
Farm hands .....	2	2
Total .....	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>

## MOVEMENT OF POPULATION

Persons in Institution	YEARS ENDED	
	June 30, 1941	June 30, 1942
Number in institution, first of year.....	49	46
Admissions during year:		
Received from courts.....	31	53
Paroled persons returned.....	4	
Escaped persons returned.....		
Transferred from other institutions.....		
Other admissions.....	21	21
Total admissions to institution.....	56	74
Total number of persons taken care of in institution during year.....	105	120
Separations during year:		
Paroles.....	37	39
Transferred to other institutions.....		
Escapes.....	2	1
Deaths.....		
Other dispositions.....	20	26
Total separations from institution.....	59	66
Number in institution at end of year.....	46	54
Average daily resident population.....	46.37	48.15
Normal capacity.....	55	55
<b>Movement of Population by Cases</b>		
Total cases, first of year:		
In institution.....	49	46
On parole.....	143	157
Total cases under supervision.....	192	203
Total cases, end of year:		
In institution.....	46	54
On parole.....	157	144
Total cases under supervision.....	203	198
Number new cases committed to institution during year.....	31	53
Total cases cared for during year.....	223	253
Number cases discharged during year.....	20	55
Total cases with institutional obligation, end of year.....	203	198

Revenues and Expenditures  
PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND

At June 30, 1942

Revenues:		
Appropriation—Chapter 296 of 1937, Code 1433.....	\$	7,000.00
Appropriation—Chapter 1 of 1938, Code 1475.....		9,625.00
	\$	16,625.00
Expenditures:		
Appropriation—1937.....	\$	6,862.70
Appropriation—1938.....		9,593.85
	\$	16,466.55
Balances:		
Appropriation—1937.....	\$	137.30
Appropriation—1938.....		31.15
	\$	168.45

Revenues and Expenditures  
MAINTENANCE FUND  
For the Two Years Ended June 30, 1941 and 1942

	Fiscal Year 1940-1941	Fiscal Year 1941-1942
REVENUES		
Appropriation:		
Chapter 195 of Public Laws of 1939.....	\$ 24,883.00	
Chapter 107 of Public Laws of 1941.....		\$ 27,331.00
Institutional receipts: sale of farm products.....	107.53	112.00
Total revenues.....	\$ 24,990.53	\$ 27,443.00
EXPENDITURES		
Administration.....	\$ 3,772.50	\$ 3,861.00
Custodial care.....	10,507.78	11,428.26
Agricultural.....	4,034.67	3,977.89
Operation and maintenance of plant.....	4,153.12	3,245.66
Additions and betterments.....	496.58	4,548.15
Total expenditures.....	\$ 22,964.65	\$ 27,060.96
Balance reverted to general fund.....	\$ 2,025.88	\$ 382.04

## AVERAGE POPULATION AND MAINTENANCE PER CAPITA COST

For the Two Years Ended June 30, 1941 and 1942

Function	Fiscal Year 1940-1941	Fiscal Year 1941-1942
Administration .....	\$ 78.07	\$ 80.19
Custodial care .....	217.46	237.35
Agricultural .....	83.50	82.61
Operation and maintenance of plant .....	85.95	67.41
Additions and betterments .....	10.28	94.46
Total .....	\$ 476.26	\$ 562.01
Average number of inmates .....	46.37	48.15

## FARM PRODUCTION

Item	Fiscal Year 1940-1941	Fiscal Year 1941-1942
Fruits:		
Cantaloupes .....	\$ 2.80	\$ 76.10
Citrons .....	10.40	33.00
Grapes .....	11.00	7.00
Strawberries .....		11.00
Watermelons .....	97.80	51.00
	\$ 122.00	\$ 178.00
Vegetables:		
Beans, lima .....	\$ 26.40	\$ 120.00
Beans, snap .....	133.75	266.00
Beets .....	26.00	20.00
Cabbage .....	17.55	60.00
Carrots .....	3.56	16.00
Corn .....	54.13	70.08
Cucumbers .....	74.00	36.00
Lettuce .....	1.00	16.50
Mustard .....	30.00	
Okra .....	1.09	84.00
Peas .....	2.00	3.00
Peppers, bell .....		10.00
Potatoes, Irish .....	42.00	150.00
Potatoes, sweet .....	22.00	625.25
Onions .....	5.00	120.00
Radishes .....	1.50	4.50
Rudabagas .....	9.85	
Squash .....	86.00	44.50
Tomatoes .....	68.00	177.00
Turnips .....	25.50	5.00
Turnip greens .....	63.75	67.50
	\$ 693.18	\$ 1,926.33

## FARM PRODUCTION

Item	Fiscal Year 1940-1941	Fiscal Year 1941-1942
<b>Eggs and Milk:</b>		
Eggs .....	\$ 459.13	\$ 162.90
Milk .....	2,725.80	3,076.83
	<u>\$ 3,184.93</u>	<u>\$ 3,235.73</u>
<b>Meat:</b>		
Chickens .....	\$ 379.20	\$ 11.33
Ducks .....	Incl.	26.40
Mutton .....	18.25	-----
Pork, cured .....	620.00	655.80
Pork, fresh .....	143.75	100.45
Sausage .....	-----	78.90
	<u>\$ 1,161.20</u>	<u>\$ 872.88</u>
<b>Shortening:</b>		
Butter .....	\$ 168.53	\$ 156.00
Lard .....	22.00	46.20
	<u>\$ 190.53</u>	<u>\$ 202.20</u>
<b>Farm Products Used on Farm:</b>		
Hay .....	\$ 390.00	\$ 520.00
Feed corn .....	735.00	585.00
Soy beans .....	16.00	Incl.
Truck waste .....	4.90	80.00
Pasture .....	144.00	300.00
Fertilizer (manure) .....	50.00	60.00
	<u>\$ 1,339.90</u>	<u>\$ 1,545.00</u>
<b>Farm Products Sold:</b>		
Calf .....	-----	\$ 5.00
Cows (2) .....	-----	67.38
Eggs .....	\$ 48.87	-----
	<u>\$ 48.87</u>	<u>\$ 72.38</u>
<b>Total Production .....</b>	<b>\$ 6,740.61</b>	<b>\$ 8,036.52</b>
<b>Agricultural Conservation Checks .....</b>	<b>58.66</b>	<b>-----</b>
	<u>\$ 6,799.27</u>	<u>\$ 8,036.52</u>





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